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**1. Heavy-Duty Pocket Door**

Johnson Hardware just revealed a new version of its Series 2000 All-Steel Split-Stud pocket-door frame. Designed for 2x4 walls, the frame features 18-gauge cold-rolled galvanized steel split studs that can support solid-core doors weighing up to 400 pounds, along with wall-mounted fixtures such as shelves and towel bars. Kits come in 16 different models for doors 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ inches to 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches thick, in a wide variety of heights and widths. Pricing ranges from \$212 to \$423. johnsonhardware.com

**2. Durable Roof Shingles**

The Nordic Collection, IKO's newest line of laminated architectural shingles, has a Class 4 impact rating against hail and resistance to winds of up to 130 mph. Shingles incorporate a 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch-wide nailing surface, with nail positions that IKO says resist pull-through and shingle blow-off. Fastlock sealant strips are designed to create a strong bond between shingles, protecting against wind uplift and water penetration. The shingles are available in nine color palettes. Contact a local distributor for pricing. iko.com

**3. Large-Format Glass Tile**

Lunada Bay Tile has introduced a new collection of large-format glass tiles, Tomei Modules, for creating custom patterns and statements. It features a neutral color palette that can complement cool- and warm-color surroundings, and its clean lines and large rectangular shapes are inspired by the geometric shapes in modern architecture. The tiles are available in eleven colors, which can be used alone or combined for decorative effect. Each color comes in two finishes, natural (glossy) or silk (matte), and four sizes. The suggested retail price is \$30 per square foot. lunadabaytile.com

**4. ADA-Compliant Toilet**

Icera has added a squared tank and transitional lines to create the new Karo II toilet, crafted from white vitreous china and treated with an anti-microbial MicroGlaze finish. The skirted trapway allows for easy cleaning and has a finished look. The chair-height bowl is ADA-compliant, and the toilet uses only 1.28 gallons of water per flush. The tank lever comes in polished chrome, with additional finishes available. Pricing starts at \$924. icerausa.com

Products

5. Sustainable Engineered Flooring

Cali Bamboo has launched its new Odyssey Collection, a line of engineered hardwood flooring that includes European white oak styles, as well as American maple and hickory. Construction features a 2mm hardwood top layer adhered to a laminated birch core, which the company says gives the 1/2-inch-thick planks dimensional stability. They come in random lengths up to about 82 inches, and in 5 1/2-inch and 7 1/2-inch widths. Pricing starts at \$5.49 per square foot. calibamboo.com

6. Colorful PVC Trim

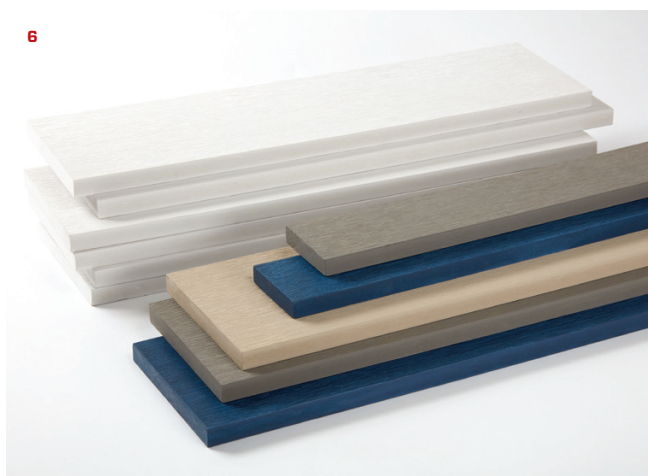
Azek Exteriors is now distributing its PaintPro trim line nationally. The cellular PVC trim features similar benefits to classic white Azek trim, but is designed to be painted any color. Azek says the line's durable, low-maintenance trim boards don't require primer, can be painted easily with one coat, even with darker colors, and can be handled sooner after painting because paint dries significantly faster. Additionally, PaintPro comes in a two-sided, reversible finish: smooth traditional and wood-grain frontier. Contact a local distributor for pricing. azekexteriors.com

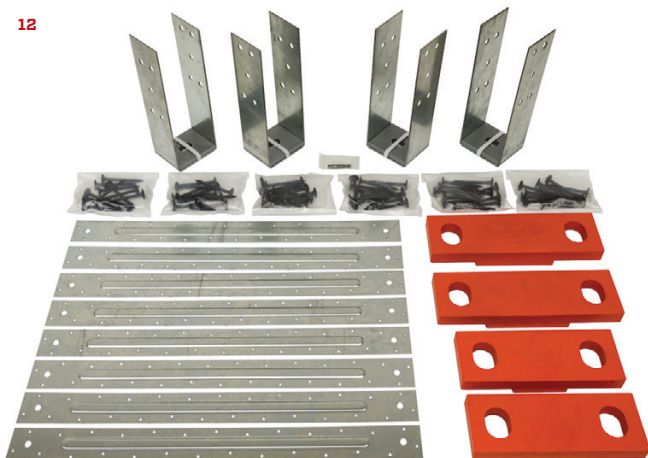
7. Drywall Corner System

CertainTeed's No-Coat drywall corners can help finish off angles, archways, and corners with optimal strength and performance. The company says the product's "Structural Laminate Corner System" integrates three components: a tapered copolymer core that withstands severe impacts, joint tape that bonds corner to drywall with mud, and a formulated surface paper that eliminates cracks and peeling, resists abrasion, and accepts any finish. No-Coat comes in outside and inside 90°, bullnose, L-trim, and arch profiles. We found an 8-foot length of outside corner for \$3.28 online. certainteed.com

8. Square-Cut Dryer Box

InOvate Dryer Products has redesigned two Dryerbox models, 425 and 350, with square edges instead of rounded edges. The original edges on the Dryerbox 425 and 350 models were designed for installations where a zip tool knocked out the drywall. However, research and input from drywall professionals led the manufacturer to conclude that square cuts were easier, faster, and more precise for installers. All other specifications of the Dryerbox remain the same, including its paintability and its flange that protrudes past the drywall. Pricing starts around \$32 per unit. dryerbox.com





9. Intelligent Kitchen Faucet

The side dial on American Standard's new Beale MeasureFill Touch kitchen faucet can be set to deliver precisely half a cup to five cups of water, measuring more quickly than a person using a conventional measuring cup, according to the manufacturer. Users can operate the faucet by a touch of the hand or wrist to its dial window, a convenience if hands are full or dirty. The faucet is available in a stainless steel or polished chrome finish, and features a pull-down faucet head. Pricing starts at \$806. americanstandard-us.com

10. Smart Water Assistant

Phyn Plus, a new, smart water assistant and shutoff, uses pressure-wave sensing to detect water leaks in a home. The system sends real-time mobile notifications to alert users about potential leaks and lets them turn off the water remotely using a Phyn app. In the event of a catastrophic leak, the system has a built-in shutoff valve to turn the water off automatically. The system runs daily diagnostic checks and notifies users of irregular pressure levels and potential ultra-low leaks. Water-usage reports break down how much water each of the home's fixtures is using. Pricing starts at \$850, without installation. phyn.com

11. Glass Shower Barn Doors

The Eclipse series by Coastal Shower Doors adapts a sliding barn-door design for modern shower doors. The series includes a frameless door, a single frameless sliding panel, and three Gridscape door designs. The Gridscape configurations feature the same smooth-gliding hardware as the frameless version, with thick, black aluminum frames. Each style is available as a shower or tub door in varying heights, with a choice of six tempered-glass styles. Pricing was unavailable. coastalshowerdoors.com

12. Site-Built Portal Frame

Simpson Strong-Tie's new Strong-Wall site-built portal frame system (PFS) gives contractors a way to meet code-defined wood wall-bracing requirements for narrow wall widths. A cost-effective alternative to IRC braced-wall solutions, the PFS is available in single-wall and double-wall portal frame kits, which include holdown assemblies, standoff and adjustable post bases, truss-ply screws, connector screws, and a six-lobe T40 driver bit. Contractors add lumber and assemble. Contact a local distributor for pricing. strongtie.com